

## MISS GENEVIEVE CLARK



Speaker and Mrs. Clark have just announced the engagement of their daughter, Genevieve, to James M. Thompson, owner and publisher of the New Orleans Item.

## WARNS AGAINST HIGH COST OF GOVERNMENT

Auditor of Buckeye State Comments On Ohio's Finances and Appropriations to Be Made by Legislature.

Columbus, O., Dec. 30.—A note of warning against big appropriations by the next general assembly, which will convene Monday, and against increasing volume of expenditures by counties, municipalities and other subdivisions of the state, was sounded by State Auditor A. V. Donahay.

He presents figures showing that in 1914 state taxes collected amounted to five times the taxes collected in 1870, county and city taxes increased four and one-half times, and since 1880 debts of municipalities, counties, townships and school districts have increased seven fold. Between 1870 and 1914 the population only doubled.

"Despite this condition," Auditor Donahay comments, "in some quarters the cry is still heard, 'we have reached the debt limit. What are we to do?'"

"There are just three avenues of escape: Raise the rate of taxation, compel tax dodgers to place their property on the tax lists or reduce the cost of government. The latter is the greatest remedy for the taxation burden."

## SAVED BY HUMAN CHAIN

SKATER WHO BREAKS THROUGH ICE AND GOES INTO THE WATER IS RESCUED.

Akron, O., Dec. 30.—Herolom of I. W. Pratt and a human chain of skaters saved the life of Neph Baughman, 23, East Akron, when he broke through the ice on Summit lake. Baughman went into the water. He could not swim and called lustily for help. Pratt was the only skater near him. He was unable to swim but lay down and edged his way over the cracking ice until he reached Baughman with a hockey stick. He supported Baughman until a human chain of skaters formed on the ice and drew them to safety.

## DEBATE LEADS TO KILLING

HEATED ARGUMENT OVER WAR ENDS IN DEATH OF RUSSIAN BY FOREIGNERS.

Steuenville, O., Dec. 30.—Sheriff's deputies are searching the hills about Bergholz for three men who beat Victor Ramossack, Russian, so severely that he died a few hours later. The four men got into an argument over the European war and the three slayers beat Ramossack over his head with clubs. After making their escape they returned to Bergholz and were about to surrender, when they learned their victim was dying. They disappeared.

Farmer Kills Wife and Himself. Ripley, O., Dec. 30.—Gus Cahall, 70, wealthy retired farmer, shot and killed his wife and then ended his own life. The bodies were found by Tony Mueller, a huckster. It is said family troubles caused the shooting. Cahall's revolver was found near the bodies.

Willis Picks Official. Washington, Dec. 30.—It was learned here that Gov.-elect Frank B. Willis recently has offered a place on the Ohio public utilities commission to E. M. Follenster of Marysville and Columbus, former state auditor.

Dangers of a Cold. Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the colds themselves that you need to fear, but the serious diseases that they so often lead to. For that reason every cold should be gotten rid of with the least possible delay. To accomplish this you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy of great help to you. It loosens a cold, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration and enables the system to throw off the cold. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

## OBSERVATION'S MISCELLANY

The following is contributed by our great and good friend, H. L. B. Esquire:

"There was a young man who said how can I soften the heart of a sow? So he sat on a stile And continued to smile Till he had softened the heart of the cow."

H. L. B. is married now (he had softened the heart of the girl) and sings another tune to the baby.

Another friend, S. S. B., is wont to say "Where the hen scratches she expects to find the worm." Sometimes even a chicken scratches the wrong place.

The man who sits around and waits for something to turn up, usually himself turns up first. At any rate he is seldom more than just a waiter, if he ever gets that far along. These days require hustle and some bustle, too, but before and not behind.

An acquaintance in another town, an elderly man, insisted, when they began numbering the houses in that burg, that his number, 10, be painted on the inside of the transom over his front door so he could read it when at home. In consequence his house from the outside appeared to be number 01.

The foregoing is akin to the story of the man in the same county who made a hole in the side of his barn for his favorite cat, a good mouse, to go in and out of. In time there were more cats at that home, little, tiny kittens, and our good friend, out of the kindness of his heart, went to work and, alongside of the first cat-hole, cut a smaller hole to accommodate the kittens in their entrance to and exit from the said barn.

In a small town in Ohio lived two maiden ladies, sisters, one of whom was an invalid. The winters they usually spent in the south, where the invalid sister finally died, late in the spring. The surviving sister returned to her Ohio home and was, not long after, met on the street by a lawyer of the home town, who was slightly deaf, and, perhaps in consequence, had not heard of the death of the invalid sister. He accordingly inquired after the invalid's health and the sister replied that she had died. The attorney did not comprehend the reply and thinking she had remained in the south, after a slight pause, said "I expect it is pretty hot down there where she is." Curtain.

As soon as I got to bed and got to sleep I got to dreaming. I dreamed I had got a tooth ache and went to get it pulled. When I got to the dentist's and got into the chair, he got out his forceps, got hold of the tooth, and as soon as I had got braced he gave a pull and out came the tooth and got relief. Then I got out of the chair, got my things and started home. On the way I got caught in a shower, got my feet wet and got an awful cold, so severe that I got to sneezing, which woke me up. I at once got up and found the cat and got some kittens. Mela Gott, what an over-worked word is "got!"

Ever see a dentist who was something of a humorist?

There are many pit falls but only one salvation. Sometimes it hurts when the truth is told; but shall we make ourselves liars?

It is not wisdom to be so conceited as to deny making mistakes. The man who makes no mistake is a dead one, for sure.

Land that failed to sell for a song in Youngstown now brings four solos and one duet.

Bill says "Never again for me." Probably he bought a building lot and found out some things afterward. Strange how often it happens that, when a man is in a particular hurry, he breaks a shoestring lacing up his shoes.

Some get pinched and others pinch themselves. Wake up or some one may pinch you.

Be careful, son. An honest mistake may be so disastrous as an intended cheat.

Ignorance is not bliss nor is it folly to be wise. Note the owl.

There have been five "World Empires." The first was the Persian under Cyrus, which Alexander the Great broke up. He, the Macedonian Empire. This in turn was broken up and succeeded by the Roman Empire. And this in its turn was finally divided into the Mahomedan Empire, in Asia and Africa, and that of Charlemagne in Europe. Charlemagne's Empire, fictitiously called the German Empire, in its turn was broken up into its present European fragments. Will these be consolidated into a real empire of Germany? History sometimes repeats itself.

We are glad to give you something good when we can. There are enough bad things, anyway.

Life insurance is a good thing; for a married man at least.

A western garage bears the sign "Automobiles repaired; Ford fixed." "Boss" Croker's Indian bride-to-be refused to talk; now she is married, reckon she changes her mind. Another case of "before and after taking."

To have ideas is to gather flowers; but to think is to weave them into garlands.

A drop of ink may make a million think.

A bite of bread offered to a hungry man does him more good than condolence upon his condition. Truth is not dependent. The highest homage one can pay to truth is to be governed by it.

## NO DANGER OF WAR WITH GREAT BRITAIN

Wilson Disclaims Any Hostile Intention in Connection With Demand On England.

Washington, Dec. 30.—There is no immediate danger of war with Great Britain and President Wilson personally disclaimed any hostile intention in connection with his formal demand that British ships leave our legitimate commerce alone.

To Establish Claim Basis.

The intimation is strongly carried in expressions from high official sources that the correspondence with Great Britain on the subject of searching and seizing our ships is for the purpose of building up a claim by which the full loss to American shipping interests may be collected when the war is over.

It had been supposed, when the nature of the latest protest to Great Britain was made public, that John Bull would have to face the big stick. Moreover, so many responsible persons believed the recent meeting of the Pan-American union for the consideration of British search and seizure acts against American commerce had to do with the president's latest and strongest protest.

In other words, it was believed in some quarters here that all of America was about to make common cause against search and seizure, and that the president's protest really amounted to a combined threat from North and South America.

Wilson Disclaims Hostility.

President Wilson, however, disclaimed any such aspect. He said he had made a protest every time a United States merchant vessel was searched and seized. The latest protest was simply a general summing up under international law of the rights of the United States. He added that, of course, the country found to be in the wrong would have to pay, eventually.

When asked the direct question whether his last note to Great Britain bore any relation to the war of 1812 and the acts of search and seizure during that war, he said it did not say that it was proceeding merely under the rules of international law.

That is the way he is building up a good cause with which to go into the collection of damages when the time comes.

Trend of President's Protest.

So far as the Pan-American union is concerned, the president said, the meeting was held to consider the protection of their commerce, indicating that he meant that the United States did not make common cause with the other members of the union.

From the trend of the president's protest, it is gathered he contemplates a bill, possibly running into the millions, for Great Britain to pay. This is indicated by both the nature of the protest itself and the comments thereon from the best sources.

The strong warning to Great Britain apparently carries notice that she will have to pay, not only for the immediate losses of the individual concerns, but also will have to settle in cash for the probable expansion of American trade prevented by the policy of search and seizure.

## HOTEL CLERKS ADJOURN

BUCKEYE ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR AND CLOSES MEETING.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 30.—Election of officers and adjournment, with Dayton having a three months' option on the next meeting, was the final business of the eleventh annual convention of the Ohio Hotel Clerks' association, of the Ohio Hotel Clerks' association. New officers are:

President, George Hunter, Hotel Savoy, Youngstown; vice president, W. A. McDonald, Neil, Columbus; secretary, H. D. Cheadle, Phillips, Dayton; treasurer, George M. Kline, Havlin, Cincinnati; sergeant-at-arms, Roy Stuart, Beckel, Dayton.

## Eastern City Recalls Mayor.

Salem, Mass., Dec. 30.—Mayor John F. Hurley was recalled by the voters in a special election, Matthias J. O'Keefe, leather manufacturer and candidate of the Better Government association, defeating him 3,465 to 2,629. It was the first recall election in New England. In the campaign the opposition charged Mayor Hurley had not enforced the liquor laws.

## Mayor Removes Safety Director.

Toledo, O., Dec. 30.—Mayor Keller has removed Safety Director J. George Kapp, Jr., and appointed in his place Bernard Greenwald, former councilman-at-large. Keller announced only that the removal of the safety director was for the public good.

## Stork Has Busy Year.

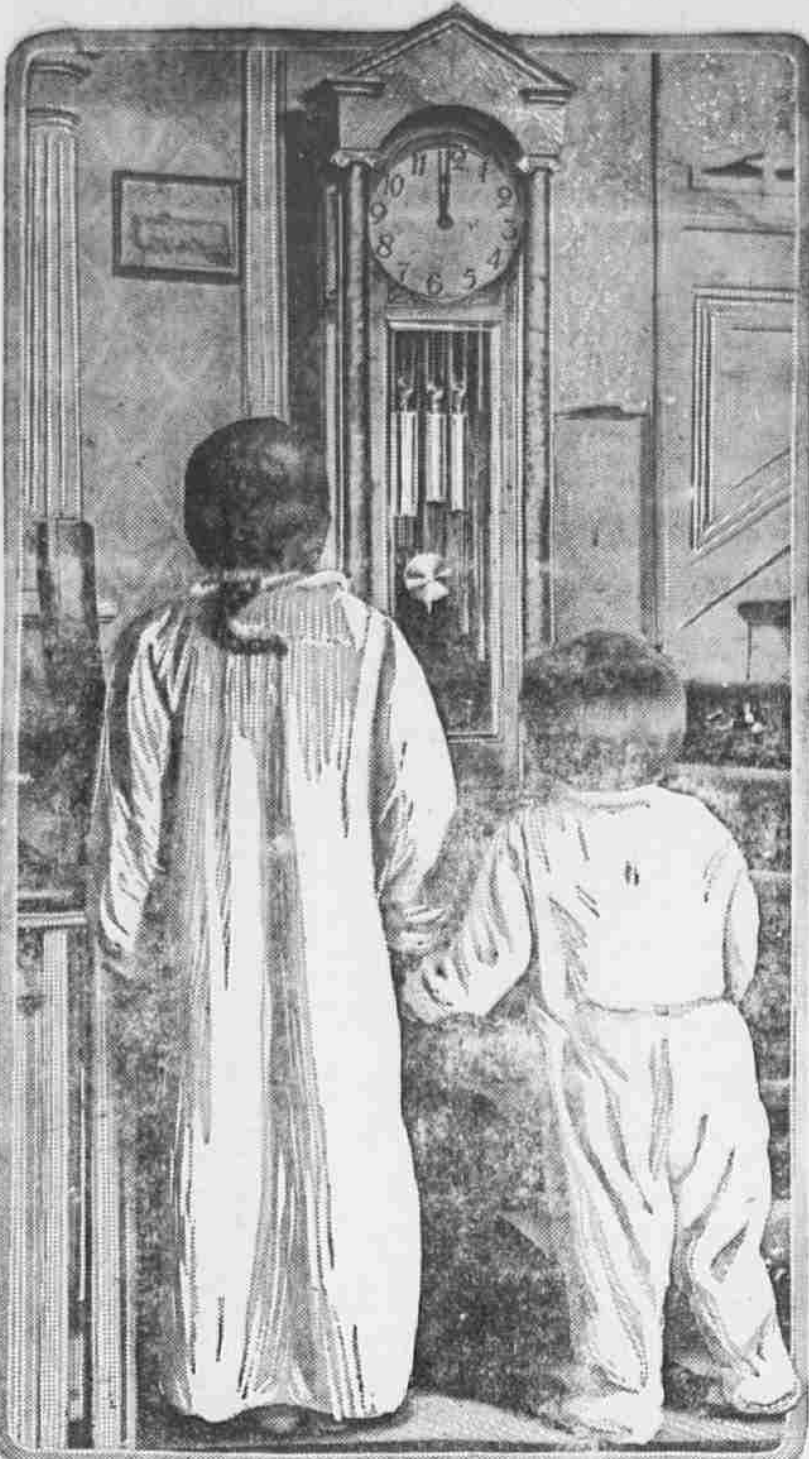
Lorain, O., Dec. 30.—The stork had a busy year in Lorain in 1914. Thus far this year 935 babies were born in this city, according to the health officer's reports.

## The New Year Presents.

The French "etrennes," both in name and in date, preserve historical continuity with a clearness that our Christmas box has lost. According to the ancient Roman legend the custom went back to the rape of the Sabine women, or, rather, to the reconciliation of the two peoples afterward, when Romulus cut green branches from a grove of the goddess Strenua and presented them to Tatius. Thereafter Romans gave each other branches for luck January 1, together with figs, dates, honey and a small coin—such luck gifts being termed "strenas." Even emperors were powerless to put down a custom that in time became burdensome and the church similarly failed and was driven to Christianizing the practice.

The Dispatch Job Printing Pleases.

## Waiting for the New Year



## HAPPY NEW YEAR CUSTOMS

Celebrations of the Mummings in Olden Days in England—Tending to Revive Visiting.

On Friday, January 1, the mummings will mum—that's their way of visiting in the New Year. How many of them know the beginning of the custom—or the ending! It began innocently enough, but by the seventh century it amounted to "diabolical paganism," outrageous, blasphemous. Ruffians robbed and even murdered under the pretense of merrymaking. Not all was frightful, however. In Rome slaves were waited upon by their masters and the poor reaped veritable harvests, which was but natural, since it all came from the saturnalia of the Eternal City.

In England the mummings performed famous people, especially kings and warriors. Songs were sung both by the mummings and their entertainers. Here is one:

To shorten winter's sadness  
See where the folks with gladness  
Disguised all are as mummings  
Right wantonly a-mumming.

In those days they loved, too, to masquerade as animals, bears and unicorns being especially favored disguises. Scott's couplet summed it up:

Who lists may in their mummings see  
Traces of ancient minstrelsy.

At last this mummum came to be a nuisance as well as a nuisance, and the chaste Henry VIII made it a misdemeanor to wear a mask.

It was George Washington who made the day what it once was in this country. Said he: "Never forget the cheerful and cordial observance of New Year's day." The celebration grew and grew, until a generation or so ago, the scenes enacted at some receptions were simply disgraceful, society having progressed some since it was good form to imbibe until the imbiber quietly slid under the table.

Of late years there has been a tendency to revive visiting on the first day of the year. But it is all very informal, and every hostess knows each and every one of her guests, which was not always the case when it was the fashion to have as many as possible and any man counted one. An amusing story is told of one hostess who, in a lull, left the line and went over to the punch bowl in the back parlor, saying to a man she didn't know: "What is your name? I don't think I know you." He told her. She didn't remember it, so she asked him with whom he had come. He said he had come by himself, whereupon she ordered him out. Imagine her chagrin the next day upon receiving from this man a letter she had written to a relative in a neighboring city asking that he visit there whenever he should be in the city. Also to be reminded by him that he had sent his letter of introduction and received cards, which he also inclosed. In the holiday rush she had simply forgotten the new name.

## Biliousness and Constipation Cured.

If you are ever troubled with biliousness or constipation you will be interested in the statement of R. F. Erwin, Peru, Ind. "A year ago last winter I had an attack of indigestion followed by biliousness and constipation. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets so highly recommended, I bought a bottle of them and they helped me right away. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

Noah's Election Bet. Old Noah craved to the bay. He knew he'd win his bet. He looked out of the ark next day And said: "The ark's gone well!"—Fort Smith (Ark.) American.

## McLUKE'S MIXED MERRIMENT.

(Cincinnati Enquirer.)

## How They Love One Another!

"I want to give my fiancé a real surprise on his birthday," gurgled Miss Mush. "Can you suggest anything?"

"Well," replied Miss Sharp, "you might tell him your real age, my dear."

## His First Case.

The young attorney had hung out his shingle but a week before, and when a friend met him in the corridor of the court house the friend exclaimed: "Ah, ha. Have you landed a client already?"

"Yes," replied the young attorney. "My tailor is suing me."

## Hard.

"This is a bum hotel," cried Jack. "As he got out of bed; 'The straw that broke the camel's back' is in this tick," he said.

## Will Know Everything.

Paw—Paw, what is an impossibility? Paw—Anything that a woman can't do with a hairpin, my son.

## That's Different.

When I knock a man's hat off I can use philosophy. But when a man knocks my hat off I'm mad as I can be.

## Sure.

"Is it more blessed to give than to receive?" asked the Boob. "It is when you give a \$1 present and receive a \$10 one in return," replied the Grouch.

## Bethel!

"What is a bird man?" said young Bess. To her Pa, Mr. Schuster. "A bird man?" he replied. "Oh, yes, a bird man is a rooster."

## The Byplay Minstrel.

"Mister interlocutor, can you tell me the difference between an Irish soldier and a Scotch soldier who are fighting in the trenches with the allies?"

"No, Mr. Bones, I cannot. Will you elucidate the difference?"

"One says that he is kilt with the cold and the other says he is cold with the kilt."

"After state militia has restored order Mr. Rhum A. Round will render that beautiful ballad: 'There's No Place Like Home After the Saloons Have Closed.'"

You'll find that the man who hasn't anything to say

Is sure to call and talk two hours on your most busy day.

Health Hint. Never go home with a flock of hair pins in your coat pocket.

Things to Worry About. The sex of a person can be told by the beat of the pulse.

Survival of the Fittest. "I don't quite follow you when you talk of prohibition carrying 'at the law of the survival of the fittest,' said the man who is always willing to learn.

"Of course," replied Uncle Bill Botdetop. "I'm talking about the particular kind of prohibition we have out our way. It has encouraged a brand of surreptitious liquor that kills a man off before he has had time to become a habitual drunkard."—Washington Star.

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J. C. UMSTEAD, Sheriff,  
Sheriff's Office, Youngstown, Ohio,  
Dec. 7, 1914.  
S. M. Thompson, Plff's Atty. 37-5

## THE NEW YEAR'S EVE FATES

How Curious Maidens Can Find Out What Is In Store for Them—An Italian Custom.

Every maiden wonders what the future has in store for her, and this is what she must do on New Year's day to learn her fate:

Turn the pillow at midnight, the 31st of December, and you will dream of the man you are to marry. Or let her take her hymn book to her bedroom, blow out the lamp, open the book and mark a hymn (in the dark), put it under the pillow and sleep on it. Next morning when she reads the hymn she will find its text will indicate the event of the year.

On New Year's eve the Italian maid places in one corner of her bedroom a thimble, in another water, in a third ashes, and in a fourth a ring. Upon waking in the morning, if she sees the ring first she will be married that year; if she sees the water first the year will be unlucky; if the thimble, fortune will smile on her; if the ashes, she will die.

On New Year's eve, if a maiden wishes to know her fate during the coming year, she must go into the open air with a psalm book in one hand and a piece of silver in her mouth. She must allow the book to fall open, and if it opens at the death psalm she will die; if it opens at the bridal psalm she will marry, and whatever else it opens to will indicate her fate.

On New Year's eve, while the clock is striking twelve, repeat three times: Good St. Anne, good St. Anne, Send me a man as fast as you can—and you will be engaged in a year.

## FAITH

The childish heart that knows no creed Will follow on where love may lead— Its faith is bounded by its need.

When skies are dark and peace takes flight, And nations jar the earth in fight, Teach us to seek the kindly light.

Possess our hearts with patience mild, Defend us from all terrors wild— Give us the faith that fills the child.

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